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Sheena Barnes, an unsuccessful candidate for Sumpter Township treasurer, was found not guilty of charges she threatened Supervisor Tim Bowman during a phone call.

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Single-day wristbands for carnival rides during the Canton Liberty Fest set for June 15, 16 and 17 are now available for advance purchase at discounted prices.

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The Wayne County Land Bank is looking to enroll residents of the City of Inkster in a porch repair program funded by the Wayne County Land Bank.

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More than15,000 visitors are expected to attend the Northville Art House Arts and Acts Festival set for June 16, 17 and 18 this year.

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The eastern stairwell of the Central Parking Deck in downtown Plymouth has been repaired and is now open for use.

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Keith Haynes was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant with the City of Romulus Police Department.

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Members of the Wayne Police Department welcomed a new officer last week when Hank, a three-month old Golden Retriever, officially joined the force.

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Former Westland Police Ofc. Shawn Dennis Davidson is facing criminal charges of carrying a concealed firearm under the influence of alcohol and trespassing.

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Health threat to area water supply is lifted

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The boil water alert for residents of Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland was lifted early Sunday after extensive testing was complete. The boil water advisory was issued last week when an equipment failure at the Great Lakes Water Authority may have contaminated the water.

Authorities from the respective communities and GLWA issued the alert last Friday, with an expected end to the precautionary measure by Sunday. The alert resulted from the malfunction of a pump station located on Michigan Avenue. Officials continue to investigate the cause of the power outage believed to have caused the equipment failure.

"This equipment has been repaired and water pressure and flow quickly restored," representatives of the water authority said. "Whenever a water system loses pressure for any significant length of time, the precautionary measure of a boil water advisory is recommended," they added.

The first round of test results taken by GLWA following the boil water alert were clear for the City of Wayne and parts of Romulus, Westland and Inkster, officials said.

While these results were an indication that there was nothing wrong with the water, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) requires the boil water advisory remain in effect until the second round of testing returns clear. Those results were achieved Sunday and the boil water advisory lifted.

GLWA took the precautionary measure of issuing the boil water advisory on Friday, May 26, due to the loss of pressure in the water distribution system.

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent of Michigan residents and wastewater services to nearly 30 percent of the Michigan population.

Residents impacted by the alert were cautioned to boil all water for at least one minute before consuming or to use bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and preparing food. Boiling the water for one minute kills the bacteria and other organisms in the water, GWLA authorities explained in a prepared statement.

GLWA representatives said they were working closely with the affected communities and the team will be taking other remedial actions such as flushing and collecting bacteriological samples from around the system. Samples will be collected to determine and ensure that the water quality meets all drinking water standards, they said.

The GLWA board of directors includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the City of Detroit and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent customer communities outside of the tri-county area.

Perpetual optimism

Romulus mayor reports continued city progress

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight delivered his State of the City address to a crowded audience at Romulus High School last week.

McCraight discussed a number of topics during the one-hour address and continued to stress the transparency and core values of his administration. "Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier," McCraight quoted from Colin Powell's 13 rules of good management, a motto he said inspires him daily.

"You can't rain on this parade," he told the audience as he spoke of the importance of the city and the schools working cooperatively to provide the best quality of life possible in the community. "It's the Romulus Community Schools," he stressed. He added that he was inspired, too, by the Romulus High School Lady Eagles basketball team who won both the league and district championships, one reason he said he chose the high school for the annual address.

"They didn't look at the clock, they didn't look at the score, they just kept getting it done, they kept playing," McCraight said. "That's what we're doing. We're getting it done."

The goals he outlined during his campaign for office remain the basis of his administration, he told the crowded audience. McCraight also reviewed the number of meetings he and city department heads have attended with other state, regional and neighboring community officials. Those meetings, he said, "help move us forward."

McCraight addressed the need for a new police station in the city and said grant funding might be possible. He noted that Police Chief Robert Pfannes had instigated a new policy of having police officers take an oath of office and praised both the department and Pfannes for the work load the department currently faces. He said there had been a 53 percent increase in calls during the past year.

"We've had great success with economic development, but that does increase the load on our fire department and police department." He added that it was important to provide a place for officers to work and show them that the community values them. He recounted an incident last year involving an armed man who had fired shots at officers. "I watched officers put themselves in the line of fire, put themselves in danger without any hesitation," he said. "Their job is not fun and games."

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McCraight told the crowd that the ordinance department had great success with eliminating blight in the city. He said of about 1300 citations issued for unkempt property, 88 percent had been solved. He moved on to the current development success the city has experienced, noting the 2 million square foot NorthPoint development as one example of many he mentioned.

Mayor Robert McCraight

"It took significant effort. The developer met with elected officials to determine what the community wanted," he said.

Romulus, McCraight

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Northville names new recreation department director

Industry veteran Derek O. Smith has been named the new director of Northville Parks and Recreation. He will begin his new post July 3, city officials said. The Parks and Recreation Commission made the appointment at the recommendation of Northville Township Manager Todd Mutchler and Northville City Manager George Lahanas.

Derek O. Smith

"We're thrilled to bring a passionate professional like Derek to our community," Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo said. "Residents in the township and the city share his passion for recreation and the outdoors. We feel lucky to have him lead us into what we expect to be the golden age of recreation for this region."

Smith joins Northville Parks and Recreation after holding a similar post for Independence Township for seven years. He led a team of 16 full-time employees and 130 seasonal or part-time ones, a $3.4 million operating budget and managed five parks. It also included a Senior Services division.

He also worked in Novi and led the Southeastern Livingston County Recreation Authority in Brighton. He has served on state and local professional organizations He was on the executive board of mParks for eight years in various positions, including president. He held leadership roles with the USA Softball of Metro Detroit Association for 20 years and as a regional player representative for the National USA Softball Board.

He has earned a CPRP, which shows his commitment to the profession and signifies that he underwent specialized education and experience to become certified as a parks and recreation professional, the national standard in the industry, officials said.

"I am excited to be given the opportunity to serve a community that is engaged in and supports a high standard of quality-of-life parks and recreation services," Smith said.

Northville City Manager George Lahanas welcomed Smith to this major role, noting, "He's a great fit for the community with its affinity for walking, sports, fitness and healthy lifestyles. He brings a tremendous amount of experience to the position. We are ready to gain from his leadership and ideas."

At Independence Township, Smith was involved with the rigorous multi-year process of accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) in 2016 and reaccreditation in 2022. Northville Parks and Recreation will begin the CAPRA process under his direction.

Smith said he was looking forward to the development at Legacy Park.

"Legacy Park is an incredibly rare opportunity for the community and region to showcase itself as a premier park and trail system," Smith said. "The proj-

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe
Councilperson Webb attended the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director; Kenneth Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-132** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstain - Barden **Motion Carried**. Councilperson Webb attended the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
   - **B.** **Res. #23-133** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion and at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2023/2024 FY Preliminary Budget of the City of Romulus as set forth in Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Abstain – Barden **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem** – *See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
   Res. #23-134 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth, to adopt a resolution commemorating the 96th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - **A.** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo, to accept the Chairperson's Report **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-135** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Resolution for the City to comply with the application requirements of the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Nays -Webb **Motion Carried**
   - **B.** **Res. #23-136** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and adopt the General and Special Appropriations Act and Tax Levy authorization for the City of Romulus and 34th District Court Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as submitted by Mayor McCraight.

CITY OF ROMULUS
GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and millage rates to support this budget.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	$ 103,720
MAYOR	889,495
CLERK	846,295
FINANCIAL SERVICES	15,048,948
TREASURER	498,630
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,771,155
PUBLIC SERVICES	4,259,305
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,085,290
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL	691,817
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,194,655
REVENUES	
PROPERTY TAXES	9,944,100
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	179,000
FEDERAL GRANTS & REVENUES	1,000,000
STATE GRANTS & REVENUES	4,936,160
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	747,550
FINES & FORFEITS	100,000
INTEREST & RENTS	590,090
OTHER REVENUES	1,704,600
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS	123,751
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,517,200
TOTAL REVENUES	20,842,451
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,352,204
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	25,194,655

SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Roads Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MAJOR ROADS FUND EXPENDITURES	1,634,710
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	1,600,000
TRANSFER TO DEBT FUND	205,580
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	3,440,290
REVENUES	2,974,160
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	466,130
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	3,440,290

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LOCAL STREETS FUND EXPENDITURES	2,605,850
REVENUES	2,581,050
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	24,800
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,605,850

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	17,070,044
REVENUES	17,097,442

SECTION 6.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Romulus Athletic Center Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER	1,553,250
REVENUES	1,553,250

SECTION 7.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cemetery Perpetuation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CEMETERY FUND	200
REVENUES	100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	100
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200

SECTION 8.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	340,320
REVENUES	440,040

SECTION 9.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Merriman Road Special Assessment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MERRIMAN RD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	111,170
REVENUES	98,940
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	12,230
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	111,170

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	853,930
REVENUES	842,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	11,930
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	853,930

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Oakwood Special Assessment District on an activity basis, the following:

OAKWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	12,500
REVENUES	21,110

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community/Employee Activity Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY FUND	10,000
REVENUES	10,770

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	1,595,303
REVENUES	1,545,260
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	50,043
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,595,303

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Block Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS	78,160
REVENUES	55,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	23,160
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	78,160

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	284,620
REVENUES	285,220

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 911 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

911 FUND	271,577
REVENUES	150,530
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	121,047
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	271,577

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Federal Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	140,160
REVENUES	103,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	37,160
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	140,160

SECTION 18.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the State Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	60,987
REVENUES	11,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	49,987
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	60,987

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Municipal Library Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	1,120,163
REVENUES	968,820
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	151,343
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,120,163

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Opiod Settlement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

Opioid Settlement Fund	40,000
REVENUES	40,100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	(100)
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	40,000

SECTION 21.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Grant Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

Grant Special Revenue	-
REVENUES	1,477,260
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	(1,477,260)
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	-

SECTION 22.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017B Court Building Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017B COURT BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,044,875
REVENUES	970,100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	74,775
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,044,875

SECTION 23.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2017A Ecorse/Vining Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2017A ECORSE/VINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	1,088,163
REVENUES	1,129,425

SECTION 24.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 2014 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS	205,580
REVENUES	205,580

SECTION 25.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT SERVICE	200,000
REVENUES	80,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	120,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	200,000

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT SERVICE	60,000
REVENUES	33,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	27,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	60,000

SECTION 27. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Court Building Construction on an activity basis, the following:

Court Building Construction	458,490
REVENUES	5,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	453,490
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	458,490

SECTION 28. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Ecorse Construction & Vining Road Extension Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECORSE CONSTRUCTION & VINING ROAD EXTENSION	470,000
REVENUES	4,000
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	466,000
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	470,000

SECTION 29. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Vining Road Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA-VINING CONSTRUCTION	15,000
REVENUES	100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	14,900
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	15,000

SECTION 30. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	19,896,978
REVENUES	15,041,300
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	4,855,678
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	19,896,978

SECTION 31. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

MOTOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	2,337,755
REVENUES	1,715,410
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	622,345
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,337,755

SECTION 32.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	710,630
REVENUES	715,750

SECTION 33. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	650,060
REVENUES	655,310

SECTION 34. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	2,523,516
REVENUES	2,735,060

SECTION 35. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	3,610
REVENUES	5,440

SECTION 36.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	887,048
REVENUES	655,870
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	231,178
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	887,048

SECTION 37. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II	9,385,220
REVENUES	6,762,100
APPROPRIATION - FUND BALANCE	2,623,120
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	9,385,220

SECTION 38.
That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	11,238,620

SECTION 39. That amount budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

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ROMULUS - SUMPTER

Sumpter honors police, names officer of the year

Sumpter Township officials officially recognized members of the police department for outstanding service in 2022 during a meeting last month.

Lifesaving awards which include a citation bar to be worn on the officer's uniform were presented to Ofc. Sean Hudson; Sgt. Brian Steffani; Ofc. Jesiah Rodriguez and Ofc. Bart Devos.

Hudson responded to a 31-year-old woman who was unresponsive due to a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival, Hudson found the female not breathing and performed life-saving measures until fire department and Huron Valley Ambulance responders arrived. The woman was resuscitated and transported for further care.

On Jan. 30, 2022, Steffani and Rodriguez responded to a 51-year-old man who had suffered a medical emergency in his sleep and had stopped breathing. Upon arrival, officers found the male unresponsive, not breathing, with no pulse. The officers performed CPR until ambulances arrived. The officers continued to assist the medics and eventually a pulse was regained and the man transported for further care.

On April 12, 2022, Devos responded to a local business for a 23-year-old man who had possibly overdosed. Devos located unresponsive man and performed life-saving measures until fire department and ambulances arrived. Subsequent doses of Narcan were administered, and the man was resuscitated and transported for further care.

The 2022 award for Academic Achievement was presented to Sgt. Beth Egerer who completed her bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University.

The Patrol Productivity award was presented to Ofc. Gino Criscenti

> *His quality of work is excellent, and often complimented by prosecuting attorneys. He led the department in arrests for the year.*

During 2022, Criscenti outperformed his peers in just about every measurable category, including leading the department in the number of traffic stops conducted, reports written, and arrests made. Additionally, his arrests were of high quality for various misdemeanor and felony offenses.

The prestigious Chief's Recognition Award was presented to Criscenti and Rodriguez who were lauded for their handing of a traffic stop during which they discovered an illegal handgun in the possession of a felon.

Also recognized with the Chief's Recognition award was Steffani who arrested an armed suspect who fled the scene of a domestic assault.

Named as Officer of the Year 2022 was Gino Criscenti.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said Criscenti's performance in 2022 "embodies what is expected from officers of the Sumpter Township Police Department. Every day he comes to work to further this department's mission and goals. He is highly motivated, always putting in a solid day's work.

"His quality of work is excellent, and often complimented by prosecuting attorneys. He led the department in arrests for the year, with cases ranging from traffic offenses, drunk and drugged drivers, domestic assaults, a stabbing, and weapons offenses, including recovering a stolen gun during a traffic stop and arresting a felon possessing a handgun," Luke said.

"In addition to the traditional police work, Ofc. Criscenti showed his commitment to the community as part of the Community Outreach program and events such as Shop With a Hero.

"In his first full year with this Department, he has already proven himself a valuable asset to Sumpter Township," Luke concluded in presenting the award which includes the officer's name on the Officer of the Year perpetual plaque in the police department lobby, a desktop award and a bar to be worn on his uniform.

Former candidate for treasurer is acquitted of phone threat

Sheena Barnes, the failed candidate for Sumpter Township treasurer, was found not guilty of charges filed against her by Sumpter Township following an obscene phone call to Supervisor Tim Bowman.

Barnes was charged with the ordinance violation of malicious use of a telephone following an obscenity-laced phone message she recorded on Bowman's home answering machine Aug. 19, 2022. Bowman took the recording to Sumpter Township police where charges were filed as a violation of a local ordinance rather than a criminal offense.

> *Barnes took the witness stand in her own defense and insisted she did not mean any harm by the physical threats.*

Barnes' attorney Rita Young dismissed the recorded tirade and said the language was not a violation of the law as curse words were in common use and even a part of rap music. She defended Barnes' conduct calling it part of the political process and characterized the recorded message which threatened physical harm to both Bowman and his wife as coarse joking. She argued that Barnes' did not intend to frighten or physically harm the couple.

Bowman testified that he felt the message was a threat, particularly mentioning harm to his wife.

Young told the six-person jury that there had been name-calling and negative interactions between Bowman and Barnes prior to the phone call and that Bowman had referred to Barnes as having "demons" and being a devil.

Barnes claimed she was being facetious during the call and her attorney presented her posted prayers as evidence. Sumpter Trustee Peggy Morgan testified before Judge Brian Oakley and the jury lauding Barnes' character and described her as caring, loving and religious friend.

Barnes took the witness stand in her own defense and insisted she did not mean any harm by the physical threats. She said she and Bowman had interacted and that he had offended her previously "three or four times and I let it go." She claimed Bowman had called her twice just prior to the trial and described him as "a bully."

The jury was unanimous in a decision in Barnes' favor and found her not guilty of the charge.

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explained, remains a great bargain for residents and businesses as the tax rate is the fourth lowest of the 34 communities in Wayne County. He praised the city department heads who helped create a 2023-2024 balanced budget with "needs" rather than "wants" which allowed the city to save money and still increase the fund balance.

He addressed the Veterans' Memorial project in the city and said the city is hoping to build a Veterans' Park. He said there was open conversation regarding the issue which he described as very fluid. He said the city was working on ways to qualify for grants to help fund the tribute to veterans and reminded the audience that the historic Bird House in the city is named for a man wounded at Gettysburg. "That opens the door for some grants," he said.

McCraight detailed multiple other examples of progress and development in the community and noted that one of his other guiding quotes is from Abraham Lincoln. "If we determine a thing can and should be done, find a way to do it."

"That's what we are doing in Romulus," he said. "Finding a way to get it done."

McCraight closed his address with the introduction of his two children, Declan and Dahlia, who helped him introduce his wife, Kendra. McCraight and the children presented her with flowers and words of gratitude from McCraight for her support. He reminded the crowd that "family is really what it is all about," as he announced that the McCraight family would be expanding with another child expected in December.

Promoted

Keith Haynes was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant with the City of Romulus Police Department. Haynes, a lifelong Romulus resident, still resides in the city and is a graduate of Romulus High School He has been with the city police department for 13 years, officials said.

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 22/23-24 12 Month Pricing for Ford FS (or Equivalent)
Fabricated Lug All Stainless Steel Clamps for DCC Cooperative

The City of Romulus along with the collective members of the Downriver Community Conference (20 communities including but not limited to: Wyandotte, Woodhaven, Trenton, Taylor, Southgate, Romulus, Rockwood, Riverview, River Rouge, Melvindale, Lincoln Park, Huron Township, Grosse Ile Township, Gibraltar, Flat Rock, Ecorse, Dearborn Heights, Brownstown Township and Allen Park) are seeking sealed bids for 12 month contract pricing for the purchase Ford FS style (or approved equivalent), fabricated lug all stainless steel repair clamps.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, June 5, 2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(4) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Thursday, June 16, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time June 16, 2023, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) All timely received bids will first be reviewed at the regular meeting of the Downriver Consortium to be held at the group's July meeting, in room 105 of the Downriver Community Conference, 15100 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195. The recommendation of the Consortium will then need to be approved, at a regularly scheduled meeting, by a majority vote of the Council of the City of Romulus.
(8) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(9) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com .
(10) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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SECTION 40. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4063
P.A. 359 MILLAGE	0.04083
FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE	4.0000
LIBRARY MILLAGE	0.7000
SANITATION MILLAGE	1.5500

SECTION 41.
Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
That for the expenditures of the **34th District Court** and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount is hereby appropriated.
OPERATING EXPENDITURES **$3,820,890**
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Nays - Abdo, Williams **Motion Carried**

Res. #23-137 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by Virginia Williams, to adopt a resolution directing the Administration to separate approval of the 34th District Court's budget from the resolution authorizing the General Appropriations Act and Tax Levy for the succeeding fiscal years.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Nays –Talley Motion Carried
Res. #23-138 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to adopt a resolution opposing House Bills 4525, 4527, and 4528. Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-139** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Amendments to Ch. 2, Art. VII, Sections 2-409 & 2-410 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-140** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-16 in the amount of $500,000.00 to recognize the MEDC Sidewalk Grant. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-141** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-18 in the amount of $75,000.00 to recognize the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-142** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Study Session Request for June 5, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the nominees for the Honorary Street Sign Dedication program. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment -**
   A member of the public addressed the City Council regarding the road conditions on Beverly Road between Middlebelt Rd. and Inkster Rd. and the road conditions inside Sunnyside Acres subdivision.
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - *See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #23-143** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-09 for checks presented in the amount of $1,046,448.89.
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays –Williams **Motion Carried**
    - B. **Res. #23-144** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant #: 23-09E for checks presented in the amount of $1,835.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - *See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 8, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Northville - Plymouth

Arts and Acts Festival returns to downtown

More than15,000 visitors are expected to attend the Northville Art House Arts and Acts Festival set for June 16, 17 and 18 this year.

The festival is a three-day showcase of art, music, and food which includes the popular 35th Annual Art in the Sun Juried Art Fair which showcases contemporary art, handicraft work, and unique creations by 100 fine artists and crafters from Michigan and around the country.

Arts and Acts will be open from 3 until 6 p.m. on Friday, June 16, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 18.

The festival takes place on West Cady Street and officials said there will be several free parking areas as well as local restaurants, shops, and neighborhood venues located within walking distance of the festival.

Scheduled for the event in addition to the Art in the Sun juried fair is live entertainment, including strolling horn players as well as youth solo and group musical performances.

The popular Art House Chalk Walk will again present sidewalk creations while Orin Jewelers will offer contestants a change to win a necklace by guessing what time the necklace falls from the melting Art Loves You heart-shaped ice block ,

New this year will be the Detroit Institute of Arts tent offering a make and take arts-based activity and enrichment program; Plein Air painting with artists painting outdoors in Town Square and downtown Northville.

A sensory friendly interactive experience for individuals with diverse abilities will be available inside the Northville Art House.

Entertainment also includes henna tattoo artists, art and science activities, interactive exhibits and contests, and more through partnerships with businesses and organizations in Northville, Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit.

The Arts and Acts Festival is the largest fundraiser for Northville Art House Inc., a 501(c)3 arts organization with the mission to cultivate the Arts through creative experiences and educational programs in the community. Sponsorship, volunteer, and food vendor opportunities are still available. For more information, call (248)344-0497 or learn more at www.northvillearthouse.org/artsandacts/.

City commissioners consider new fields for youth recreation

The first pass at providing more soccer grounds in the City of Plymouth was approved by members of the city commission last month.

Commissioners agreed to the recommendation of the city administration and authorized a non-binding memorandum of understanding and an environmental review of 2.92 acres of property on South Mill Street. City administrators suggested the move in response to the lack of available soccer fields to youth groups. Officials explained the lack of recreational space forced the elimination of one age group program last fall.

"There was no place for them to play," officials said.

The property in question, located at 639 Mill St. was formerly the home of Lumber Mart and is listed for sale at $1.5 million. The environmental review will cost less than $5,000, according to City Manager Paul Sincock. A Phase 2 environmental review would be part of any purchase agreement, he told the commissioners.

"I think this is a very exciting possibility," said Mayor Nick Moroz.

Commissioner Alanna Maguire was also impressed with the potential for a city park. "It will give residents on the east side something new," she said."

Going up

The eastern stairwell of the Central Parking Deck in downtown Plymouth has been repaired and is now open for use. Phase I of the 2023 project is expected to be complete this month and repair and construction work will begin on the northern portion of the parking structure. Additional free public parking is available during the construction at the Christian Science Church located at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Director

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ect will offer excellent community stewardship through environmental sustainability, economic impact, and a variety of health and wellness benefits that will be inclusive for everyone."

Smith will replace Interim Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, who was hired last July to run the department after a long career at Canton Township Leisure Services. "She has done an excellent job keeping important projects moving along and bridging the gap between directors," Lahanas said.

Northville Parks and Recreation Department provides parks, facilities, programs and services through three divisions. It is a shared service between the township of Northville and the city of Northville.The Recreation Division hosts programming in special events, youth recreation, camps, teen enrichment, adult recreation, athletics and more. The Senior Services Division provides programming in health and wellness, social, educational, enrichment and events. In addition, it operates a daily curb-to-curb transportation program for adults ages 60+ and people with disabilities.

The Parks and Facilities Division is responsible for a variety of neighborhood and community parks and pathways. The parks boast a variety of amenities, such as athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, pavilions, dog parks, pathways/trails, boardwalks and nature areas. Unity Skatepark is being built this summer for an anticipated fall opening.

Smith is an avid outdoorsman. He, along and his wife, son and daughter, enjoy hockey, soccer, baseball, golf, boating, fishing, camping, hiking, mountain biking, dirt biking, skiing and snowboarding. The family lives in Hartland

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: John Barden
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Kenneth Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Patricia Braden - Library Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-113** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-114** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Romulus Distribution Center's proposed Brownfield plan and at 7:00 p.m. to discuss updates to NorthPoint Development and amendments to the Conditional Rezoning and Development Agreement (CRA) **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner**
4. **Chairperson's Report, Virginia Williams, Chair Pro-Tem**
   Res. #23-115 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to adopt a resolution renaming Tot Park to Mary Carter Park. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #23-116 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution commemorating Worker's Memorial Day. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report – Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #23-117** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for use of the Romulus Historical Park for activities during the 1st Juneteenth Community Celebration to be held Saturday, June 17, 2023, as well as the following road closure to accommodate the event activities. Closure of Hunt Street beginning at Bibbins Street and ending at the entrance of the Post Office on Hunt Street beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17,223, and re-opening at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-118** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and approve the First Amendment to the Northpoint conditional rezoning and development agreement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Roscoe, Webb, Williams Names were not called during roll call vote: Talley, Wadsworth **Motion Carried**
   - C. **Res. #23-119** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and the Romulus Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and amend the Romulus Distribution Center Brownfield to include two additionally acquired properties and reallocation of cost for eligible activities. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Names were not called during roll call vote: Roscoe, Talley **Motion Carried**
     Res. #23-120 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to concur with the Administration and the Romulus Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and approve the amended and restated Romulus Distribution Center Brownfield agreement in accordance with the resolution to include the two additional acquired properties and reallocation of costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-121** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-20 to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder, Osburn Industries Inc. for two-year fixed pricing for gravel, sand, and limestone for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works in the amounts indicated on the tabulation sheet. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. **Res. #23-122** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-21 to the lowest, most responsive, responsible bidder, Core & Main LP, for two-year fixed pricing (pricing to end 6/30/20230 on water hydrants and gate valves. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - F. **Res. #23-123** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and award ITB 22/23-22 to Ferguson Water Works for one-year guaranteed pricing for water system parts for the Water Division of the City of Romulus Department of Public Works at the pricing indicated on the tabulation sheet. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - G. **Res. #23-124** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and award Bid ITB-FH-22-23-2388 for the purchase of road salt for the 2022/2023 and 2024/2025 road salt season, under the terms of the MITN Cooperative Bid, hosted by the City of Farmington Hills, from Detroit Salt Company. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Res. #23-125 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the extension of the bid each of the four subsequent years per the terms of the solicitation documents if the company and the hosting agent mutually extend the bid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - H. **Res. #23-126** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 22/23-16 to recognize MEDC Sidewalk Grant.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General				
Revenue				
101-444-567.000-MEDC23	State Grants	$-	$500,000.00	$500,000.00
Expense				
101-444-980.000MEDC23	Project Costs	$-	$500,000.00	$500,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

   - I. **Res. #23-127** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 22/23-18 to recognize the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Grant.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General				
Revenue				
205-336-567.000	State Grants	$-	$75,000.00	$75,000.00
Expense				
205-336-957.005	Grants - Training	$-	$75,000.00	$75,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-128** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption to Budget Amendment 22/23-17 in the amount of $20,855.00 to recognize grant revenue and expenditures for public Library Services grant approved by the Library Board on April 17, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-129** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request for May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Water Rate Study. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-130** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the First Reading and Introduction of Amendments to Ch. 2, Art. VII, Sections 2-409 and 2-410 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-131** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recom mendation of the Cemetery Board of Trustees to amend the Cemetery Rules & Regulations accordingly. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Nays – Roscoe **Motion Carried**
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - *See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Communication** - *See Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan,, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 1, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON

Summit Aquatic Center renovations set to begin Aug. 1

The $2.4 million renovation and reconstruction project at the Canton Summit on the Park Aquatic Center is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The extensive work on the popular recreation feature is expected to be complete in mid-December, officials said. Renovations to the 13, 340 square foot facility will include tile replacement in all pools, including the lap pool and family pool, as well as on the pool decks. In addition, tile will also be replaced in the spa and sauna, as well as in the men's, women's, and family locker rooms. Further enhancements include the addition of a water feature, replacement of the Marcite plaster in the Lazy River, as well as painting of the pool deck roof.

"This short-term inconvenience will definitely bring long-term gains for individuals who utilize our Aquatic Center as part of their regular fitness routine," said Summit Facility Supervisor Jason Lombardo. "Summit staff is eager to update and improve our Aquatic Center because of its popularity among residents and its high use for swim lessons and water fitness classes. We are determined to complete this project on schedule and get everyone back in the water as soon as possible."

Affected programs and amenities will include: swim lessons, lap swim, water fitness classes, as well as sauna and steam room access. During the short-term closure, additional Land Fitness classes will be made available to Summit members to supplement fitness opportunities within the facility. In addition, access to one family/special accommodations locker room will remain available at all times during construction, Lombardo noted.

All Summit on the Park members will have the opportunity to 'freeze' or temporarily pause their memberships for the duration of construction and forego access to the facility. In addition, the Summit is looking to provide members access to a few aquatic facilities in surrounding communities while the Canton facility is under construction. This would provide Summit members with a temporary "facility admittance pass" for alternate use of these aquatic centers during open swim and lap swim times. Members are asked to contact the Summit front desk if they wish to elect any of these options.

More information regarding the construction as well as available memberships is available at www.summitonthepark.org or by phone at (734) 394-5460.

Advance tickets for Canton Liberty Fest available online

Celebrating its 30th year, the annual Canton Liberty Fest returns to Heritage Park June 15-17, with family-friendly activities, exciting carnival rides, thrilling Midway games, two stages packed with live entertainment, a popular marketplace, festival food, and Beer Garden, as well as the Annual Liberty Run, a special Juneteenth Community Celebration, Friday night fireworks, and much more for all ages to enjoy.

The summer tradition will take place from 1 until 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, from 1 until 11 p.m. Friday, June 16, and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, June 17 in Heritage Park, located adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Major sponsors for this annual community event, include: BJ's Wholesale Club, National Heritage Academies, and the U. S Army.

New features this year include a new mobile app for Apple and Android users prior to the event. Festival-goers will be able to access everything about the event, including entertainment schedules and performer information, Carnival Zone information on amusement rides and Midway games, Liberty Run details, and festival food and drink information. Area residents are invited to enjoy the lineup of carnival rides, games, and special attractions. Single-day wristbands purchased in advance are at a discounted rate. Wristbands allow all-access for one day only onto all the exciting carnival rides. Discounted single-day wristbands are now available for $30 and can be used for any full day if purchased at www.cantonlibertyfest.com before 9 a.m. Thursday, June 15. Mega Bands good for unlimited rides for all three days for just $75 can only be purchased online by 9 a.m. June 15. Online sales require a $1.99 per transaction fee. Wristbands will be available for purchase on-site (cash only) on Thursday and Friday for $30 and Saturday for $35. All sales are final. For more information, call (734) 394-5360. As always, parking and admission to festival grounds are free.

Special sensory hours are planned from 1 until 3 p.m. Thursday, June 15, when carnival rides and midway games, lights, and music will be turned off for festival-goers who are sensitive to large crowds and certain stimuli.

Participating concession stands and gourmet food trucks will present signature dishes, beverages, and snacks.

A special area of food trucks will be located near the Amphitheater, with a tentative line-up that includes: Famous Hamburger; Impasto; Little Caesar's Pizza Truck; Keaiks Food Truck, Little Lou's Hot Chicken; Smokehouse 52 BBQ; Truckin Waffles, and more.

Food trucks will be available on Thursday, June 15, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, June 16, from noon until 11 p.m.; and Saturday, June 17, from noon until to 10 p.m.

This year participating food concessions include: Carvel Ice Cream; Different Twist; Hazel Coffee Co.; Kona Ice; J & J Concessions; Meltdown Creamery and others.

NOTICE!!

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on its proposed budget will be held by the Board of Education of the Westwood Community School District on:

Thursday, June 8, 2023
at 6:30 p.m.
In the Equilla F. Bradford
Administrative Center 3335 S. Beech Daly Road
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review in the Westwood Administrative Office Center between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2023.

Cheryl Bell-Everett, Secretary
Westwood Board of Education

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
June 19, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2023** for the purpose of considering the following:

1. **SLU-2023-005/SPR-2023-013; Sheetz Drive-thru** requesting special land use approval for a drive- thru as part of a proposed fueling station, convenience store and restaurant. The property is located at the northeast corner of Wicking and Vining Road, 33380 Wick Road (DP# 80-039-99-0001-707) and is zoned RC, Regional Center.

2. **SLU-2023-004/SPR-2023-009; Romulus Distribution Center (Ashley Capital)** requesting special land use approval for two industrial warehouse/distribution buildings that exceed 80,000 sq. ft. in size (Building 1 is 469,780 sq. ft. and Building 2 is 546,881 sq. ft.). The property is located at 36711 Ecorse Road between Ecorse Rd. and Wick Rd., west of the CSX Railroad and zoned M-1, Light Industrial and R-1A, Single-family Residential.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. A copy of the proposed requests are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Department of Public Services, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or planning@romulusgov.com.

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New recruit

Members of the Wayne Police Department welcomed a new officer last week when Hank, a three-month old Golden Retriever, officially joined the force. Hank will begin his 8-10 month long formal therapy dog training this month for official certification. During his training, however, Hank will continue to visit his fellow officers at police headquarters once or twice a week working on his socialization skills. Eventually, he will be at the station all day, every day. The Wayne Police therapy dog program is part of the departmental focus on officer wellness, along with the current partnership with Hegira Health, Inc. "Officers have a tough job and we owe it to them to give them the tools they need to serve the community effectively," noted Police Chief Ryan Strong, who promised to post regular updates about Hank on the police Facebook page.

Arrested

Former Westland officer facing criminal charges

Former Westland Police Ofc. Shawn Dennis Davidson is facing criminal charges of carrying a concealed firearm under the influence of alcohol and trespassing.

Davidson, 52, a New Boston resident, and Gregory Jay Tittle, 53, of Carleton, both face multiple charges in connection to an incident at a downriver bar at about 6:30 p.m. April 22. The men were at the bar, located in the 110 block of Oak Street in Wyandotte, while Davidson was off police duty. Davidson's inappropriate conduct prompted bar employees to ask him to leave the premises and when he refused, Wyandotte police were called to the scene. Davidson was arrested by responding officers who found a loaded handgun in Davidson's waistband, according to a report from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Tittle reportedly took the handgun from Davidson's waist and allegedly pointed it at Davidson's head. Tittle was subsequently arrested at a different bar nearby, police said. Tittle has been charged with carrying a concealed firearm under influence of alcohol and reckless use of a firearm.

Both men were arraigned May 23 in 27th District Court and each given a $30,000 bond and ordered to wear an alcohol tether.

Meet the champs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program was awarded as the Adams Middle School "Most Valuable Partner" during the Wayne-Westland Community of Champions Breakfast last week. The breakfast ceremony honored community members, partners, staff members and students who have made a lasting impact in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools this school year. The event which took place at the SoHo Banquet & Event Center, also honored former Westland Mayor William R. Wild with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" and presented a Special Recognition Award to Westland Facilities Director Vic Barra, representing the Wayne Ford Civic League.

Inkster porch repairs offered

The Wayne County Land Bank is continuing to enroll residents of the City of Inkster in a porch repair program funded by the Wayne County Land Bank and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

The program will provide repairs on the front of Inkster homes, including but not limited to roofing, steps, and railings. The porch repair program is for owner-occupied, single-family homes that are in good standing with their property tax and mortgage payments. The project cost is not to exceed $10,000 and the owner must agree to live in their home for five years following the repairs, according to a prepared statement from the agency.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come first-serve basis. Incomplete applications will not be considered, officials cautioned.

To obtain an application access waynecountylandbank.com…>porch project. The mailing address to return the application is Wayne County Land Bank, Attn: Joe Russel,500 Griswold, Floor 28, Detroit, MI, 48226.

For more information about the program requirements or application process, contact Russel at jrussel@waynecounty.com or (313) 967-0031.

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